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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1803

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TAGS: PBOR CASC MOPS PINS CG ZA

SUBJ: SHABA: LUSAKA PLANNING

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMBASSIES WITH NATIONALS WHO MAY BE EVACUATED TO LUSAKA FROM KOLWEZI HELD PRELIMINARY PLANNING MEETING AT UK HIGH COMMISSION MORNING OF MAY 20 WITH RAF ADVANCE TEAM. WE NOTED WE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM TAKING CARE OF ANY AMERICAN REFUGEES. BELGIANS AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES SAID THEY WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY HANDLING THE POSSIBLY LARGE NUMBER OF THEIR NATIONALS. FRENCH DCM INFORMED US AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT FRENCH NATIONALS WOULD BE EVACUATED TO KINSHASA. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR WILL BE CONTACTING LOCAL RED CROSS AND UNHCR OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHAT EMERGENCY SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE IN LUSAKA (I.E., BLANKETS, FOOD, ETC.).

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2. BRITISH VC 10 MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT IS ON GROUND IN LUSAKA AND ARRIVAL OF THREE C 130'S EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. BRITS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES FROM KAMINA TO LUSAKA.

3. GROUP DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ADVISIBILITY OF RECOMMENDING

THAT UNINJURED REFUGEES BE FLOWN DIRECTLY FROM KAMINA TO EUROPE RATHER THAN USING LUSAKA AS EVACUATION POINT. MAJOR CONCERN WAS LACK OF FACILITIES AND SUPPLIES IN LUSAKA TO HANDLE LARGE INFLUX OF EVACUEES. UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL (UTH) LUSAKA OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT THEY COULD HANDLE UP TO 60 EMERGENCY CASES, ALTHOUGH WITH SOME DIFFICULTY. UTH IS THE ONLY HOSPITAL IN LUSAKA AREA.

4. WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE, DOCUMENT, AND ACCOMMODATE ANY AMERICAN EVACUEES BROUGHT HERE. NEED FOR COMMUNICATIONS LINK KAMINA-LUSAKA DISCUSSED REFTEL.
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